RECORD CROWDS SEE "THE COMMON GLORY"

Williamsburg, Va.- The largest crowds in the history of "The Common Glory" are flocking into Williamsburg this summer to see the ninth production of Paul Green's famed symphonic drama of the American Revolution.

Figures released today by The Jamestown Corporation, sponsors of "The Common Glory," show that attendance for the first half of the season totaled 33,687. This represents a 9.8 per cent increase over the 1954 season which had been termed "very successful" by the sponsors.

Allen R. Matthews, executive vice-president of the Jamestown Corporation, said that this year's receipts also have run "slightly above those of 1953, which was the previous high season."

Matthews noted that attendance at the outdoor drama always shows a rapid upsurge during the months of August and September, not included in the reelased figures.

"With continued good weather," he stated, "the show should attract just under 80,000 visitors during the summer—an all time high."

Matthews praised the cast and production staff of this season's production which he noted has been called the "best ever" by critics reviewing the play.

Visitors from all of the 48 states, except Wyoming, have seen "The Common Glory" this summer. License plates have also been noted in the parking areas from Alaska, the Canal Zone and several foreign countries.

With performances each night except Mondays, "The Common Glory" will play through September 4, in Matoaka Lake Amphitheatre, Williamsburg, Va. A company of 150 staging the drama includes actors, a 30-voice choir, little symphony orchestra, dance group and technicians.

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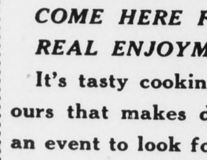

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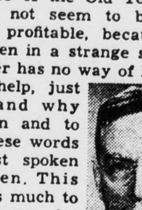
Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-22.

Promises of God

Lesson for August 21, 1955

MANY Christians today become confused when they read the prophecies of the Old Testament. They do not seem to be either plain or profitable, because they are written in a strange style and the reader has no way of knowing, without help, just where and why and when and to whom these words were first spoken or written. This column is much to short a space for straightening out the tangles in even one chapter. The thing to bear in mind is that there is enough in Scripture that is plain to any man, enough to give him all he needs to know about God and his will for us. This column this week will consider one general thought: the promises of God, as they are found in the pages of the prophets particularly.



Dr. Foreman

The Prophet

The promises of God are never made directly, as by a loudspeaker in the sky. The same promise may be made to many persons; but not all at once. The message first takes shape under the skull of one man, a holy, sensitive man, with spiritual insight, generally with great courage and persistence: in short, a prophet. We do not know for certain just what the process is by which a divine truth gets into the human mind of the prophet; but when first the divine truth enters the human sphere, it comes as an idea, a thought, in some prophet's mind. Sometimes more than one prophet may say the same thing, as when Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel were all predicting the return of the Jews to Jerusalem. Sometimes the prophet stands entirely alone. But the prophet is like the lookout in the crow's nest of a ship, sighting the dim landfall before any one on deck can see it.

The Promise

Sometimes the signal the prophet's keen spirit caught from on high spelled disaster; sometimes it was like "news behind news," a commentary on the why of events in past or present. But often, indeed more often than anything else, the message of the prophet is a promise. You can sum up all the promises there are into one sentence: God is good; he desires the good of all his children; and he will bring good to pass. One writer in the New Testament suggests that the prophets did not always understand their own messages; they were like radio receivers crossed by static. Be that as it may, we know from reading the Gospels that the people who read the prophets, even the professional interpreters, did not always understand what they read. The promises were set in obscure language, often in poetry. One feature however is clear. The focus and center of the prophet's hope and dream was the Messiah. It is true, their descriptions were so misread that when Jesus Christ came, most of his fellow-countrymen, measuring him by the literal words of these promises, did not recognize him. But there were those who did. The Christian discovers that all the best good that God desires for his children is summed up in Christ and what he does for men.

The Present

What can a Christian today do with the promises passed on by the prophets? Some of them refer no doubt to events long since past, as when Ezekiel and Jeremiah predict the destruction of Babylon. The Christian can take such promises to support his faith that God does rule in the history of men; that his decrees are certain, his foreknowledge sure. Some of the promises are still unfulfilled, as when a prophet predicts the utter destruction of evil from this earth and the coming of a time of universal peace. A Christian can live by such hope even when (just as in the prophet's own days) the hope seems out of reach entirely. Where the prophet speaks of God's Servant the Coming One, we can use such promises to deepen our understanding of what Christ is to mean to the world. But every once in a while, in reading the prophets, one discovers that spans past, present and future. It was a promise made good long ago; it will come true in centuries to come; it is true this present hour. Such a promise is to be found, for instance, in Isaiah 55:6-7.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, Aug. 15.- Miss Donna Berry, of Cleveland, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jim Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson, Mr. Ernest Carson and Donna Berry were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bryant, of Cullen on Sunday.

Miss Ida Virginia Covington will return from Dover, N. J. next Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cawthorne, of Bellville, N. J. will accompany her and be the guests of Capt. and Mrs. Covington.

Notwithstanding the rain, the silos of Messrs. Rob Martin, William Hix and Henry Covington were recently filled.

Mr. Witt Goin will return to the University of Virginia Hospital this week for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins McPhillips spent last week-end with her mother in South Boston. Mr. and Mrs. McPhillips will leave for Richmond on Thursday to hunt a housekeeping apartment. He has been notified to report to the University of Richmond on Sept. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Coleman, of Oakhill, W. Va. visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhillips several days of last week.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. W. D. Hix, Jr. were Mrs. Rob Martin and Louella; Mr. Edwin Fore, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhillips and Dr. Twyman Williams.

The safest rule for predictions is to be indefinite about the date. Sooner or later almost anything can happen. —Labor.

Homemakers Items

It's a good idea to periodically check iron furniture for rust spots, say VPI home economists. Rust may spot clothing or weaken furniture over a period of time.

If you find any rust on your painted furniture, use a bit of fine steel wool to smooth and clean the rusted part. Freshen it by painting over that part.

Another way to treat rust spots is to rub them with a paste of rottenstone and oil. Then rub with a clean, dry cloth.

An attic fan isn't a substitute for complete home air conditioning, but it is a practical, inexpensive way to get relief from summer heat. Properly used, an attic fan can be satisfactory.

The plain old bed sheet is no longer confined to the bed.

V. P. I. home economists say to open a colored double-bed size sheet, and you'll immediately see the enormous expanse of seamless fabric that offers many decorative possibilities. Colored sheets make attractive draperies. You might use wide bands of contrasting rick rack for trim—or appliques cut from chintz—or a trim of eyelet on curtains for a baby's room.

Houseplants call for a weekly bath if you expect them to look colorful and healthy.

VPI specialists say to wash leaves with luke-warm water and wipe the outside of the pots when you do your weekly house cleaning.

DO-IT-YOURSELF AND HOBBY SHOW IN RICHMOND

Richmond, Va.- The largest array of leisure-time activities ever put together under one roof in Virginia will be presented this fall in Richmond.

Plans for the Greater Richmond Do-It-Yourself, Hobby and Photo Show—to be held in the Richmond Arena for six days beginning November 1—were announced here today by Henry Bradley, managing director.

Every conceivable spare-time activity will be included in more than 200 displays covering 1½ acres in the arena at Richmond's Parker Field.

A number of civic organizations in the metropolitan area will take part in the 10-hours-daily show.

Bradley expects the event to draw home owners and would-be hobbyists by the tens of thousands each day from a wide section of central Virginia. Similar shows in leading cities have attracted hugh throngs; a recent one in Cleveland, for example, had attendance of more than 100,000.

The Senate approved and the President signed a bill continuing the $281,000,000,000 temporary ceiling on the national debt for another year.

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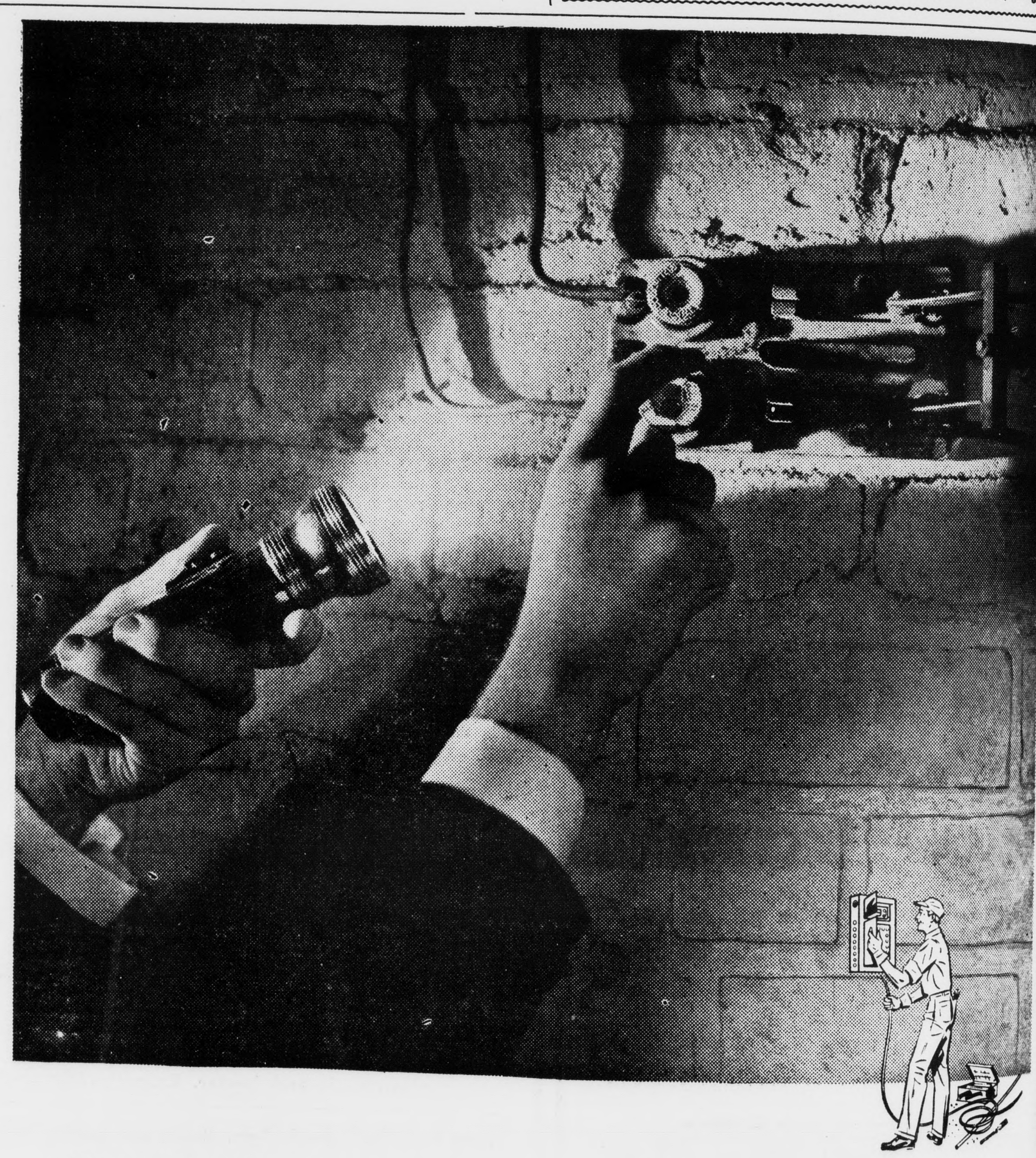
Who Shot Him

Donnie, age five, is a TV f knows all the sheriffs, the cow lers and gun-totin' rowdies morning his mother took him lap and said: "Donnie, I hav news for you—I hope you w it like a man—grandfather is Donnie stared thoughtfully fo ment, then bristled and said shot him?"

Splinters of glass may be up safely with a cotton ball d ed with water.



If your extension cords are growing and your fuses are blowing it's time to call an Electrical Contractor and have him check the wiring in your home. Thanks to all the wonderful new time-saving electric appliances the use of electric current has increased more than 500% in the last 20 years. As a result eight out of ten homes are not adequately wired to handle the electric requirements of today's modern living.

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COMMENT ON SPORTS

By Pete Fritchie

...team pennant chase is too ...expect. Yet American Lea... ...ball fans have been enjoying ...in the last month. It is ...be sure about a winner in ...loop, as a result.

...the season opened, we pick... Yankees to win the pennant. ...are ready to admit the Yanks ...been playing the kind of ...earn a flag, and deserve it. ...team to be considered is ...from Cleveland.

...record of 1954, when they ...more games than any other ...League club ever did, it ...seem the Indians should go ...October playing in the World ...Yet the Indians haven't been ...either, this year. They ...crucial series to the upstart ...Red Sox.

...their latest eastern tour the ...took the Yanks two out of ...but they dropped two out of ...Boston. In fact all three of ...eastern contenders lost their ...at Beantown. Only Kansas ...Athletics failed to be impress... ...Boston and took a series ...them.

...White Sox began to give signs ...running out of gas soon after ...number-one pitcher, Dick Don... ...had to undergo an operation. ...is too early to tell about the Go-go Sox. They might still go, although last year they couldn't keep up in the stretch.

The Yankees can profit by Don Larsen's return to form, by the fact that they can't do much worse than they have done in the last month. On the other hand, the Bosox have been hot for a long time. When is the slump coming? The Red Sox might run into one. They are strong and have been hot for two months now. But over a month is left to go.

The Detroit Tigers need one more good pitcher. With such help they would go all the way. Despite Bucky Harris' talk, and failure to expect a pennant surge, a manager with the league's two leading hitters, the league's top runs-batted-in man in addition — a third player — should be in the pennant fight. That's too much talent not to be competitive.

So after looking them over, which team will be the one? We will string along with the original pick, on the assumption that the Yankees will straighten up and fly right, after much slumping. But there is little confidence in this out-on-the-limb pick, admittedly.

France's Defense Minister told the National Assembly that France could not afford the long-awaited reorganization of its military establishment.

Wilson Centennial Next Year

Staunton, Va.- Virginians should join "pridefully, yet humbly," in the 1956 Centennial observances of the birth of Woodrow Wilson at Staunton, they have been advised editorially by "The Commonwealth--The Magazine of Virginia."

Verbon E. Kemp, executive director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce which publishes the magazine, devoted his publisher's "Notes and Comments" column in the current issue to a discussion of the Centennial which he said will be "of international significance and one worthy of attention by Virginians everywhere."

The most recent of eight Virginia-born presidents, Mr. Wilson was born at Staunton, December 28, 1856.

His birthplace, then the Manse of the Presbyterian Church in Staunton of which Woodrow Wilson's father was pastor, Mr. Kemp pointed out "has been preserved and maintained for inspection through the devotion of the members and officers of the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Foundation.'

The State Chamber executive and magazine publisher recalls that a State Commission was authorized by the Virginia General Assembly of 1950 to plan an "appropriate celebration of the anniversary" and the formation of a corresponding Federal Commission was authorized last year by Congress.

According to the plans being projected, observances will start early in 1956 and continue throughout the year. Although centered at Staunton, and focused on his birthplace, celebrations will be held at various places and institutions with which Mr. Wilson was associated during his career.

The observances will depict Wilson as a churchman and leader of religious thought, as a statesman who substantially advanced the science of government, as an educator who added stature and spiritual strength to the profession of education and institutional administration, as an internationalist and prophet of world order, and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States. Although these facets of Mr. Wilson's genius will be emphasized, they will not obscure recognition of him as a humanitarian closely related to his environment.

SAVES CHILD ON TRACK

Monroe, N. C.- Mrs. Dorothy Wilson and her 3-year-old daughter, Dianne, were crossing a railroad track when the child was knocked down by a boxcar. Unable to snatch the child out of the way of the car, Mrs. Wilson fell on her and lay there until the train had passed over them. The mother received sixteen stitches in her hip and fourteen in her head when taken to a hospital, but Dianne escaped with minor bruises.

Health and Beauty

There is a helpful new product on the market. It is a spray bandage that seals out dust, dirt and bacteria. The non-toxic, non-irritating and non-sensitizing item is also an effective waterproof protective cover.

It is easy to see what a boon this will be to the busy housewife who has her hands in water, soap and detergents which often tend to impede, burn, or wound healing. It makes it possible for her to carry on with her daily chores.

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If the man of the house encounters a shaving nick in his hurry to get to the office, he can spray on his bandage with no trouble at all.

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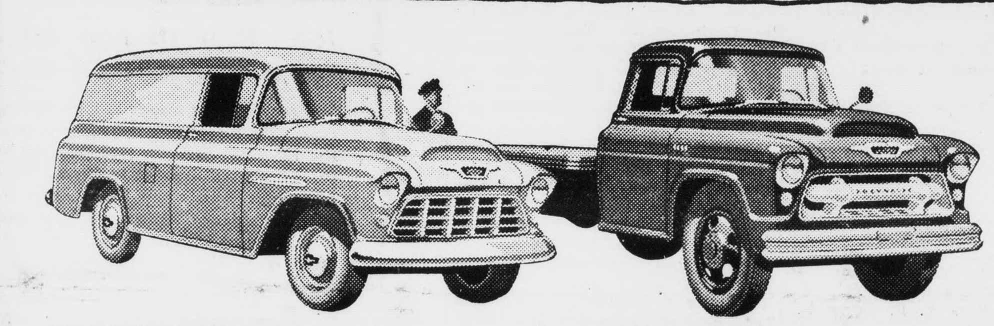

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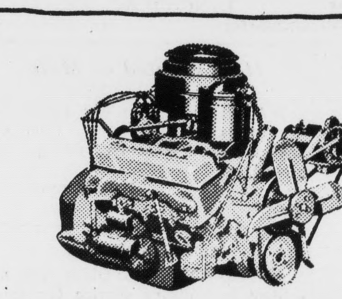

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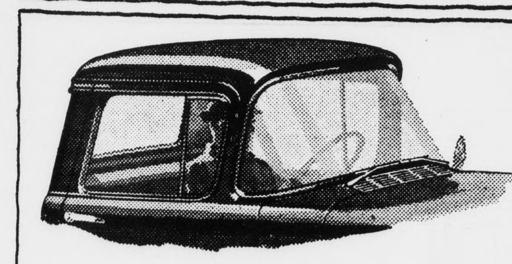

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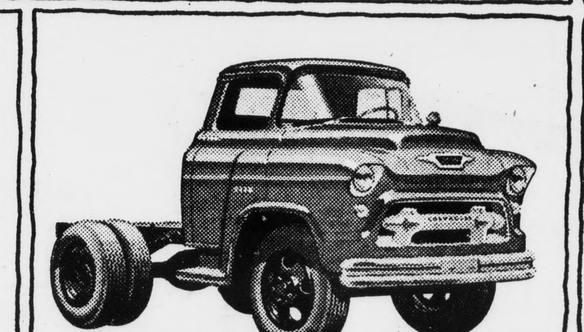

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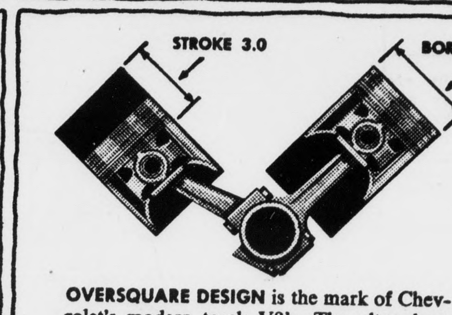

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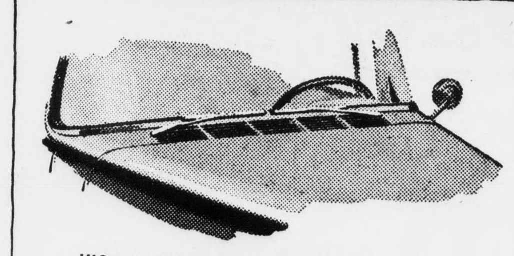

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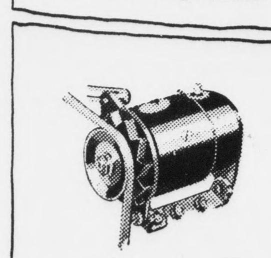

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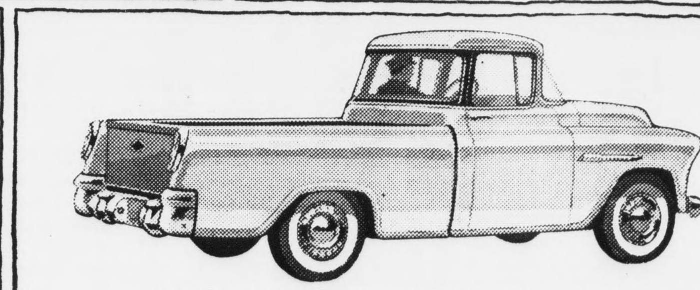

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